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CONSULTATIONS

¶11. USUN may draw from the following points during the 12 June UN Security Council Consultations on the Sudan Sanctions Committee.

- The United States welcomes the statement by the Chair of the 1591 Committee concerning the Sudan. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Panel of Experts for their work and professional commitment to impartial reporting. We support the Panel's mandated activities and note with great concern its May 14 midterm report which notes no signs of improvement in the implementation of Resolution ¶1591. It is especially troubling that the report indicates that training, arms, ammunition, vehicles, and other logistical equipment continue to flow to non-State armed groups in Darfur. With that in mind, I would like to make four points.

- First, the situation in Sudan is very troubling, and we are concerned that hostilities have escalated with all parties showing a willful disregard for the Council's measures in Darfur, as evidenced by the Government of Sudan's May 4 bombing of villages in Darfur and the subsequent May 10 attack by Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) rebels on Omdurman.

- Second, the United States calls upon the Government of Sudan to comply with its international obligations. It must stop offensive military overflights in and over the Darfur region. The deplorable practice of using aircraft painted white, which resemble humanitarian aircraft, must cease immediately. The Government of Sudan must also comply with its obligations to facilitate the deployment of UNAMID. The pattern of overflights and obstruction to the deployment of self-sustaining troops for UNAMID demonstrates the Government of Sudan's disregard for this Council's decisions.

- Third, we expect the Government of Sudan to implement fully resolution 1672 (2006), which requires all Member States to freeze the assets and prevent entry into or transit through their territories of the four individuals designated in that resolution. These individuals have been designated for impeding the peace process; constituting a threat to stability in Darfur and the region; committing violations of international humanitarian or human rights law; or violating the arms embargo.

- Fourth, we would request the Committee follow up to:

-- ensure that UNAMID staff is trained and aware of the arms embargo;

-- urge the Government of Sudan to issue multiple entry visas to the Panel of Experts so it can have ready access to do its work; and

-- request that the Panel of Experts meet with the Western Military commander in West Darfur and continue to seek out

additional information on the inflow of arms to non-State armed groups in Darfur.

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¶3. The Department appreciates Mission's efforts.
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